

OBAMA PROVIDES GOV'T BUREAUCRATS WITH
JOBS, WHILE PRIVATE INDUSTRY WORKERS
GET THE SHAFT.

Notable & Quotable

*Michael Barone writing yesterday in
the Washington Examiner:*

It looks like a happy new year for
you—if you're a public employee. . . .

Private-sector employment peaked
at 115.8 million in December 2007
when the recession officially began. It
was down to 108.5 million last Novem-
ber. That's a 6 percent decline.

Public-sector employment peaked at
22.6 million in August 2008. It fell a bit
in 2009, then has rebounded back to
22.5 million in November. That's less
than a 1 percent decline.

This is not an accident; it is the re-
sult of deliberate public policy. About
one-third of the \$787 billion stimulus
package passed in February 2009 was
directed at state and local govern-
ments, which have been facing declin-
ing revenues and are, mostly, required

to balance their budgets.

The policy aim, Democrats say, was
to maintain public services and aid.
The political aim, although Democrats
don't say so, was to maintain public-
sector jobs—and the flow of union dues
to the public employees unions that
represent almost 40 percent of public-
sector workers.

Those unions in turn have contrib-
uted generously to Democrats. Services
Employee International Union head Andy
Stern, the most frequent nongovernment
visitor to the Obama White House, has
boasted that his union steered \$60 mil-
lion to Democrats in the 2008 cycle. The
total union contribution to Democrats
has been estimated at \$400 million.

In effect, some significant portion
of the stimulus package can be re-
garded as taxpayer funding of the Dem-
ocratic Party.

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GOV'T, LOSES 100,000 JOBS

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